

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 10

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Jay Manning, Director Washington State Department of Ecology 300 Desmond Drive, SE Lacey, WA 98503

Re:

Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility

Dear Mr. Manning:

This is to advise you of a Federal Facility Compliance Agreement (FFCA) which Region 10 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to initiate in the State of Washington. The proposed action will address alleged violations of the Clean Water Act by the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility located in Bremerton, Washington.

As you're aware, EPA had issued a Notice of Violation against the shipyard in February 2008 for violations of its NPDES permit. The majority of the violations were related to the copper limits. The FFCA requires the shipyard to implement corrective measures to ensure the discharge complies with its permit limits. Since being notified of its violation status, the shipyard has been proactively implementing much of the required corrective measures and has demonstrated compliance with the permit for the past six months.

Should you or your staff have any comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. The contact for this action is Chae Park of my staff at (206) 553-1441.

Sincerely,

Kimberly A. Ogle, Manager

NPDES Compliance Unit

cc: Jeannie Summerhays, WDOE-NWRO